

## IN THE REALM OF MUSIC

Massenet's "La Navarraise" is revived at the Metropolitan for Miss Farrar.

By Frank H. Warren.

The Metropolitan Opera management redeemed the second of its season's pledges last evening by offering Massenet's "La Navarraise" (the Woman from Navarre), a lyric episode in one act. The role of Anita was written especially for Mme. Calve, who sang it for the first time in London in 1894. The initial performance at the Metropolitan was given in December, 1895, with Calve in the cast, and the last performance, prior to last evening's, in April, 1897. The opera was also heard at the Manhattan during Mr. Hammerstein's regime.

It was been said that Massenet was induced to try his hand at this work by the success of "Cavalleria Rusticana," and Massenet's thriller was bracketed with "La Navarraise" on last night's bill. The action of the episode is swift and stirring, with few melodic interruptions. The story has to do with two lovers, Anita (Miss Farrar) and the soldier Arcau (Crimini), who is engaged in the Carlist War in Spain in 1874. Arcau's father, Remigio (D'Angelo), objects to the union because of the girl's untidy ancestry. She, hearing that the General (Rothier) offers a fortune to any one who can capture his opponent, Zuccarini, accompanies him and is rewarded by the General. With her wedding dowry she seeks out her lover, who has been wounded. He, dying, accuses her of having sold herself, whereupon Anita goes mad.

Nobody has ever claimed that this is a momentous work, and there is little that is startling or thrilling in Massenet's setting. It makes a pleasant change in an evening's entertainment and gives Miss Farrar, who has run the gamut of dramatic action in her roles, the chance to go mad, a novelty in her repertoire. The music follows the action in a mild way and the soprano's shoulder, Miss Farrar, putting aside her fondness for spectacular dressing, appears

## AMUSEMENTS.

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